

Regulatory Language

Section 27.60, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

27.60. Limit.

(a) General. No more than 20 finfish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species, may be taken or possessed by any one person except as otherwise provided. (See Sections 27.70 through 28.62 for minimum size limits and poundage restrictions for certain species.)

(b) Within the overall bag limit of 20 fish, the following special limits apply:

(1) Rockfish (rockcod), and lingcod taken in the Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area:

- Rockfish (see Sections 27.82 and 28.55) -- 10 fish - all of which may be of the same species of rockfish except as provided for bocaccio which is two fish, cowcod which is zero fish, yelloweye rockfish which is zero fish, ~~one~~, (but no more than two per vessel) and canary rockfish which is ~~one~~ zero fish.
- Lingcod (see Sections 27.82 and 28.27) -- two fish.

(2) RCG complex, as defined in Section 1.91, lingcod, and California scorpionfish taken in the Central or Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Areas:

- RCG complex (see Sections 27.82, 28.28, 28.29 and 28.55) -- 10 fish in total, except as provided for ~~bocaccio~~, cowcod, yelloweye rockfish, and canary rockfish which is zero fish. The following RCG complex sub-limits ~~also~~ apply: bocaccio – one fish, shallow nearshore rockfish as defined in Section 1.90(e) – 2 two fish, cabezon -- 3 three fish, and greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos – 2 two fish.
- Lingcod (see Sections 27.82 and 28.27) -- two fish.
- California scorpionfish (see Sections 27.82 and 28.54) -- five fish.

(3) For species of fish other than rockfish, lingcod, California scorpionfish, cabezon and greenlings, within the overall bag limit of 20 fish, the following special limits apply:

~~California sheephead in Section 28.26 which is five fish, salmon two fish, except as provided in Section 27.80; trout taken from ocean and bays three fish; white seabass three fish, except as provided in Section 28.35; sturgeon one fish; striped bass two fish; California halibut five fish, except as provided in Section 28.15; Pacific halibut one fish; giant (black) sea bass zero fish, except as provided in Section 28.10 surfperch five fish in the aggregate of all species, except for shiner surfperch under subsection (c) below; broadbill swordfis two fish; marlin one fish; garibaldi zero fish; gulf grouper zero fish; broomtail grouper zero fish; leopard shark three fish; blue shark two fish; thresher shark two fish; shortfin mako shark two fish; soupfin shark one fish; sixgill shark one fish; sevengill shark one fish; white shark zero fish.~~

<u>Zero fish</u>	<u>One fish</u>	<u>Two fish</u>	<u>Three Fish</u>	<u>Five Fish</u>
<u>giant (black) sea bass (except as provided in Section 28.10)</u>	<u>sturgeon</u>	<u>Salmon (except as provided in Section 27.80)</u>	<u>trout taken from ocean and bays</u>	<u>California sheephead (see Section 28.26)</u>
<u>Garibaldi</u>	<u>Pacific halibut</u>	<u>striped bass</u>	<u>white seabass (except as provided in Section</u>	<u>California halibut (except as provided in Section</u>

<u>gulf grouper</u>	<u>marlin</u>	<u>broadbill swordfish</u>	<u>28.35)</u> <u>leopard shark</u>	<u>28.15)</u> <u>surfperch--five fish</u> <u>in the aggregate of</u> <u>all species, except</u> <u>for shiner surfperch</u> <u>under 27.60 (c)</u> <u>below</u>
<u>broomtail grouper</u>	<u>soupfin shark</u>	<u>blue shark</u>		
<u>white shark</u>	<u>sixgill shark</u>	<u>thresher shark</u>		
	<u>sevengill shark</u>	<u>shortfin mako</u> <u>shark</u>		

(c) In addition to the overall bag limit of 20 fish, and special limits in subsection (b), the following special limits apply: Shiner surfperch-20.

(d) There is no limit on the following species: Albacore, anchovy, bluefin tuna, grunion, jacksmelt, topsmelt, petrale sole, Pacific butterfish (pompano), queenfish, sanddabs, skipjack, jack mackerel, Pacific mackerel, Pacific staghorn sculpin, starry flounder, round herring, Pacific herring and Pacific sardine.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 215, 220, 5517 and 8585.5, Fish and Game Code.

Section 27.82, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

27.82. Management Areas, Seasons, Depths, Exceptions, and Fishery Closure Process Described. Management Areas Defined; Closed and Open Periods Defined.

(a) Management areas and boundaries: Management areas and boundaries for rockfish, lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish]) are defined as follows:

(1) The Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area means ocean waters between 42°00' N. lat. (the Oregon/California border) and 40°10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County).

(2) The Central Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area means ocean waters between 40°10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino) and 34°27' N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County).

(3) The Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area means ocean waters between 34°27' N. lat. (at Point Conception, Santa Barbara County) and the U.S./Mexico border including the Cowcod Conservation Areas defined in subsection (d) of this Section.

(b) Seasons and depth constraints (also see Section 27.83 for restrictions on fishing gear within Rockfish and Lingcod Management Areas): Fishing for rockfish, lingcod, and associated species limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish] is authorized in management areas during the following months and in the following water depths as described by lines connecting waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part

660), or by general depth contour lines:

(1) Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area: open January-December in all water depths.

(2) Central Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area:

(A) January-February: open only in waters less than 30 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.

(B) March-April: closed in all water depths.

(C) May-August: open only in waters less than 20 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.

(D) September-December: open only in waters less than 30 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines.

(E) Waters less than 10 fathoms in depth as described by general depth contour lines around the Farallon Islands (off San Francisco and San Mateo Counties), including Southeast Farallon Island, Middle Farallon Island, North Farallon Island and Noon Day Rock are closed to fishing at all times for rockfish, lingcod, and associated species limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish].

(F) Waters of the Cordell Bank (off Marin County), located at 38°02' N. lat., 123°25' W. long., and within a 5 nautical mile radius around this point, are closed to fishing at all times for rockfish, lingcod, and associated species limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish].

(3) Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area:

(A) January-February: closed in all water depths.

(B) March-December: open only in waters less than 60 fathoms in depth as described by lines connecting waypoints adopted in Federal regulations (50 CFR Part 660). Also see subsection (d) for special depth regulations in Cowcod Conservation Areas.

(C) May-October: California scorpionfish may not be taken.

(c) Exceptions: During seasonal area closures and in waters deeper than authorized in subsection (b), fishing for and possession of rockfish, lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish]) is prohibited, except as follows:

OPTION 1 – FOR SUBSECTION (c)(1), SHORE-BASED EXEMPTION.

(1) During seasonal area closures as specified in subsection (b), when angling or diving from shore, all species of rockfish, lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish]) may be taken and retained in accordance with authorized daily bag and possession limits defined in Section 27.60. No motorized or non-motorized watercraft may be used to assist in taking or retaining fish while operating under this provision.

OPTION 2 – FOR SUBSECTION (c)(1), SHORE-BASED EXEMPTION.

(1) During seasonal area closures as specified in subsection (b), when angling or diving from shore, all species of rockfish, lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish]) may be taken and retained in accordance with authorized daily bag and possession limits defined in Section 27.60. No watercraft may be used to assist in taking fish while operating under this provision, except as follows: (A) Non-motorized watercraft may be used, if deployed from shore, to take by spearfishing as defined in Section 28.90. Except for spearfishing gear, all other types of fishing gear are prohibited to be aboard the non-motorized watercraft while spearfishing under the authority of this Section.

(2) California sheephead may be taken in all months in [waters less than 20 fathoms] or [waters less than 60 fathoms] or [all depths], except as described in subsection (d) for the Cowcod Conservation Areas, unless closed during the year (in-season) pursuant to Section 52.10, Title 14, CCR.

(3) Ocean whitefish may be taken during all months in [waters less than 20 fathoms] or [waters less than 60 fathoms] or [all depths], except as described in subsection (d) for the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

(4) In waters that exceed depths authorized in subsection (b), during open seasons within a management area specified in subsection (a), all species of rockfish, lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish]) may be possessed aboard vessels in transit with no fishing gear in the water.

(d) Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCAs) for recreational fisheries means waters which are 20 fathoms in depth and deeper within each of the following two areas. Area 1 is an area south of Point Conception that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;

33°50' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;

32°20' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;

32°20' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;

33°00' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;

33°00' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;

33°33' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;

33°33' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;

33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;

and Area 2 is a smaller area west of San Diego that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;

32°42' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;

32°36' 42" N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;

32°30' N. lat., 117°53'30" W. long.;

32°30' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;

32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;

At no time may rockfish, lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish) be taken or possessed while fishing in waters 20 fathoms or greater in depth as described by general depth contour lines in the Cowcod Conservation Areas (see Section 27.83 for restrictions on fishing gear within the Cowcod Conservation Areas).

~~(a) Cowcod closure areas means both Area 1 and Area 2: Area 1 is an area south of Point Conception that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:~~

~~33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;~~

~~33°50' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;~~

~~32°20' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;~~

~~32°20' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;~~

~~33°00' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;~~

~~33°00' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;~~

~~33°33' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;~~

~~33°33' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;~~

~~33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;~~

~~and Area 2 is a smaller area west of San Diego that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:~~

~~32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;~~

~~32°42' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;~~

~~32°36' 42" N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;~~

~~32°30' N. lat., 117°53'30" W. long.;~~

~~32°30' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;~~

~~32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;~~

~~(b) Rockfish and lingcod management areas are as follows: Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area means ocean waters between the Oregon/California border and 40°10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County); the Central Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area means ocean waters between 40°10' N. lat. and Point Conception, Santa Barbara County (at 34°27' N. lat.); and the Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area means ocean waters between Point Conception and the U.S./Mexico border including the Cowcod Closure Areas.~~

~~(c) Rockfish and lingcod closure periods, except as provided in subsection (d), are as follows: Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Closure Period means the closure time period which commences following the date that the harvest guideline for canary or yelloweye rockfish established in regulation by the National Marine Fisheries Service has been reached or is projected to be exceeded and the fishery is closed pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section. Central Rockfish and Lingcod Closure Period means January-December, inclusive, and Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Closure Period means January-December, inclusive.~~

~~(d) During rockfish and lingcod closures specified in subsection (c), fishing for and possession of RCG complex species as defined in Section 1.91 (excluding bocaccio, canary, yelloweye rockfish, and cowcod), California scorpionfish, ocean whitefish and lingcod is allowed in the following areas and time periods, and is otherwise prohibited:~~

~~(1) In the Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area, during January-December, inclusive, except only in waters less than 27 fathoms in depth along the~~

~~mainland coast and around offshore rocks (excluding reefs and banks) commencing the day following a fishery closure implemented pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section;~~
~~(2) In the Central and Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Areas, in waters less than 20 fathoms in depth along the mainland coast and around offshore islands and rocks (excluding reefs and banks) during July-December, inclusive,;~~
~~except that California scorpionfish may be taken and possessed in waters less than 20 fathoms in depth along the mainland coast and around offshore islands and rocks during January-February and in waters less than 50 fathoms in depth along the mainland coast during the months of July and August in the area bound by the mainland shore, a line extending due south true from Point Fermin in Los Angeles County, and a line extending due west true from Newport South Jetty in Orange County (waters less than 50 fathoms deep in the area east of a line extending due south true from Point Fermin located at 33°42' 30" N. latitude, 118°17' 30" W. longitude; and north of a line extending due west true from Newport South Jetty located at 33°35' 37" N. latitude, 117°52' 50" W. longitude).~~

~~(e) At no time may lingcod, ocean whitefish, RCG complex species as defined pursuant to Section 1.91, and California scorpionfish be taken or possessed except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section.~~

~~(f) At no time may California sheephead, lingcod, cabezon, kelp or rock greenlings, California scorpionfish, rockfish, or ocean whitefish be taken or possessed while fishing in water 20 fathoms or greater in depth in the cowcod closure areas.~~

~~(g) **(e) Fishery closure:** When the department determines, based on the best available scientific information, that an annual harvest limit [optimum yield (OY) or harvest guideline] (harvest guideline) established in regulation by the National Marine Fisheries Service for lingcod, rockfish, cabezon, or a subgroup of rockfish, and/or California scorpionfish, in the California recreational fishery has been exceeded or is projected to be exceeded prior to the end of the year, the department may close the recreational fishery for lingcod, rockfish, a subgroup of rockfish, and/or California scorpionfish in all or part of the Northern, Central, or Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management areas [see Section 27.82 (b)-(a)], depending on the level of lingcod, rockfish, cabezon, a subgroup of rockfish, and/or California scorpionfish catch in each area, for the balance of the calendar year.~~

~~(h) **(f) Notice of closure:** The department shall give the public and the National Marine Fisheries Service no less than 10 days notice of any fishery closure implemented pursuant to this Section via a department news release.~~

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 206, 215 and 8585.5, Fish and Game Code.

Section 27.83, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

27.83. California Rockfish Conservation Area.

California Rockfish Conservation Area (CRCA) means all ocean waters south of 40°10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino) to the U.S./Mexico International Border within the depth zones and areas specified in subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3). which are closed at

specified times, or closed in specified depths and areas to recreational fishing for rockfish, lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, [California sheephead], and [ocean whitefish]) pursuant to Section 27.82, including waters of the Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCAs) defined in Section 27.82 (d). Restrictions on the use of fishing gear in the CRCA and CCAs as specified in this regulation serve to minimize interaction with these species.

(a) Species Restrictions. All species of rockfish (*Sebastes* spp.), lingcod, and associated species (limited to cabezon, greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, California scorpionfish, California sheephead, and ocean whitefish) may not be taken or possessed in the CRCA or CCAs, except that these species may be possessed aboard vessels transiting the CRCA or CCAs with no fishing gear in the water.

~~(a) CRCA depth zones are as follows:~~

~~(1) From 40°10' N. lat., near Cape Mendocino south to Pt. Reyes (at 37°59'44" N. lat.) the CRCA includes ocean waters 20 fathoms and deeper to the seaward waypoints specified in federal regulations (which equate to about 250 fathoms).~~

~~(2) From Pt. Reyes to the U.S.-Mexico border the CRCA includes ocean waters 20 fathoms and deeper to the seaward waypoints specified in federal regulations (which equate to about 150 fathoms).~~

~~(3) The CRCA includes the Cowcod Conservation Areas (see subsection 27.82(a), Title 14, California Code of Regulations).~~

~~(b) Species Restrictions. Except as provided below, the take and possession of the following species is prohibited in the CRCA: all species of rockfish (*Sebastes* spp.), lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), California scorpionfish (*Scorpaena guttata*), and ocean whitefish (*Caulolatilus princeps*) except that these species may be possessed aboard vessels transiting the area with no fishing gear in the water.~~

~~(c) (b) Definitions.~~

~~(1) Highly migratory species are defined pursuant to Section 1.49, Title 14, CCR.~~

~~(2) Coastal pelagic species are defined pursuant to Section 1.39, Title 14, CCR.~~

~~(3) Salmon are defined pursuant to Section 1.73, Title 14, CCR.~~

~~(4) Squid jig means: a multi-pronged barbless hook with a 2-3 inch long, 1/4 to 3/4 inch thick, sometimes brightly-colored shank commonly used to catch coastal pelagic species.~~

~~(5) Downrigger means: a device used to deploy one or more fishing lines (via a spool, davit, main line, and terminal weight) each with a terminal hook or lure to a desired depth in the water column and that uses a clip to hold each fishing line in place until a fish takes the terminal hook or lure at which time the fishing line pulls free of the clip.~~

~~(6) No. 2 hook means: a fishing hook with a gap between the hook point and the shank at its closest point of 7/16 inch.~~

~~(7) Federal regulation means: the federal groundfish regulations that are found at 50 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) parts 600 and 660 or as amended through proposed and final rules and published in the Federal Register, and; the federal groundfish regulations published in the Federal Register as the annual specifications and management measures or as amended through inseason actions or corrections.~~

~~(d) (c) Gear restrictions. Except as provided in subsection (e) (d) below, the following fishing gear types or sizes are prohibited for use or possession aboard any vessel with one or more persons aboard taking fish under authority of a sport fishing license except~~

that possession is allowed if the vessel is underway or transiting the CRCA or CCAs with no gear in the water: all types of hook and line gear with more than one hook or lure and more than 6 ounces of weight are attached to each other by a common line. ~~(e)~~ (d) Gear type and species exceptions as they apply to the CRCA and CCAs are as follows:

(1) When fishing for salmon, see Sections 27.80 and 28.65, Title 14, CCR.

(2) An additional hook (sliding or fixed) and downriggers with up to 5 pounds of weight may be used when trolling for species other than salmon.

(3) Up to 2 hooks and up to 1 pound of weight may be used when drifting for highly migratory species, California halibut (*Paralichthys californicus*), or yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*).

(4) Up to 12 ~~5~~ No. 2 or smaller hooks and up to ~~1 pound~~ 2 pounds of weight may be used when fishing for sanddabs or coastal pelagic species ~~through February 28, 2003, after which date up to 12 No. 2 or smaller hooks and up to 2 pounds of weight may be used.~~

(5) There is no limit of the number of squid jigs that may be used on a line.

~~(6) Fishing is allowed for California scorpionfish (sculpin) in waters less than 50 fathoms in depth during the months of July and August in the area bound by the mainland shore, a line extending due south true from Point Fermin in Los Angeles County, and a line extending due west true from Newport South Jetty in Orange County (waters less than 50 fathoms deep in the area east of a line extending due south true from Point Fermin located at 33°42'30" N. lat., 118°17'30" W. long. and north of a line extending due west true from the Newport South Jetty located at 33°35'37" N. lat., 117°52'50" W. long.).~~

NOTE

Authority: Section 205, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202 and 215, Fish and Game

Section 28.26, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

28.26. California Sheephead.

(a) Open season and areas: See Section 27.82. Sheephead may not be taken or possessed by a person by hook and line fishing or by spear fishing during a northern, central or southern rockfish and lingcod closure unless provided for under Section 27.82(c). ~~Open Season and Area: Open all year, except California sheephead shall not be taken or possessed in waters 20 fathoms or greater in depth in the cowcod closure areas.~~

(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: 12 inches total length.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 215, 220 and 8585.5, Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.27, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§28.27. Lingcod.

(a) Open Season and Area: See Section 27.82. Lingcod may not be taken or possessed by a person by hook and line fishing or by spear fishing during a northern, central or southern rockfish and lingcod closure unless provided for under Section 27.82~~(d)~~(c).

(b) Limit: Two.

(c) Minimum size: Twenty-four inches total length.

(d) Method of take: Not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220 and 240, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 215, 220 and 240, Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.28, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

28.28. Cabezon.

(a) Open season and areas: See Section 27.82. Cabezon may not be taken or possessed by a person by hook and line fishing or by spear fishing during a northern, central or southern rockfish and lingcod closure unless provided for under Section 27.82~~(d)~~(c).

(b) Limit:

(1) Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area (see Section 27.82): Ten.

(2) Central and Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area (see Section 27.82): Three, within an RCG complex bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: Fifteen inches total length.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 210, 8585.5 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.29, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

28.29. Kelp Greenling. Rock Greenling.

(a) Open season and areas: See Section 27.82. Kelp or rock greenlings (genus Hexagrammos) may not be taken or possessed by a person by hook and line fishing or by spear fishing during a northern, central, or southern rockfish and lingcod closure unless provided for under Section 27.82~~(d)~~(c).

(b) Limit:

(1) Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area (see Section 27.82): Ten Kelp Greenling; Ten Rock Greenling.

(2) Central and Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area (see Section 27.82): Two greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos, within an RCG complex bag limit of 10 fish.

(c) Minimum size: Twelve inches total length.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 210, 8585.5 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.54, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

28.54. California Scorpionfish (Sculpin).

(a) Open season and areas: See Section 27.82. California scorpionfish may not be taken or possessed by a person by hook and line fishing or by spear fishing in a Northern, Central, or Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management area during a closure in those areas unless provided for under Section 27.82~~(d)~~(c).

(b) Limit: Five.

(c) Minimum size: Ten inches total length.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 210, 220, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 210, 220, 8585.5, 8586 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.55, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

28.55. Rockfish (Sebastes).

(a) Open seasons and areas:

See Section 27.82. Rockfish, including bocaccio, cowcod, yelloweye, and canary rockfish, may not be taken or possessed by a person by hook and line fishing or by spear fishing in a Northern, Central, or Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area during a rockfish and lingcod closure unless provided for under Section 27.82~~(d)~~(c).

(b) Limit:

(1) When fishing is authorized in the Northern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area pursuant to Section 27.82~~(d)~~ following a closure specified in Section 27.82(e): Ten in any combination of species, except bocaccio – two; yelloweye rockfish – zero; canary rockfish – zero; cowcod – zero.

(2) When fishing is authorized in the Central and Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Areas pursuant to Section 27.82~~(d)~~, 27.82: Ten in any combination of species, except bocaccio – ~~zero~~ one; yelloweye rockfish – zero; canary rockfish – zero; and cowcod – zero. The sub-limit of shallow nearshore rockfish as defined in Section 1.90~~(e)~~ (e) is two fish within the 10-fish rockfish bag limit.

(c) Size limit: None, except no bocaccio may be taken or possessed that is less than 10 inches in total length.

(d) Method of take: Not more than two hooks and one line. For purposes of this section, a hook is a single hook, or a double or treble hook with multiple points connected to a common shank.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game

Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 215, 220 and 8585.5, Fish and Game Code.

Section 28.58, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

28.58. Ocean Whitefish.

Open Season and Area: See Section 27.82. Ocean whitefish may not be taken or possessed by a person by hook and line fishing or by spear fishing in a Northern, Central, or Southern Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area during a closure in those areas unless provided for under Section 27.82~~(d)~~(c).

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215 and 220, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, 206, 215 and 220, Fish and Game Code.